

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 5-8, 13, 16-18 and 20-21 are pending in this application, of which Claims 5-8, 16-18 and 20 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 2 and 13 are amended. Support for the changes to the claims is found in the originally filed disclosure, including the drawings at least in Figs. 5-7. No new matter has been added.

The outstanding Office Action rejected Claims 2, 13 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. 2005/0168437 (Carl) in view of U.S. 6,590,573 (Geshwind).

A personal interview was conducted with Examiners Hicks and Beck on August 9, 2010. Applicant thanks the Examiners for their time and comments at the interview. At the interview, an overview of the claimed invention was provided relative to Figures 5-7 and 37A-40C. The outstanding rejection and the references cited therein were also discussed.

Further, amendments consistent with those submitted herewith were discussed, in view of the rejection and the cited references, to clarify the claimed axis extension is from an axis of the input pen in the real three-dimensional space into the virtual three-dimensional space. The Examiners indicated such amendments appear to overcome the prior art and the outstanding rejection. However, the Examiners also indicated further search and/or consideration would be necessary.

Accordingly, this amendment amends Claims 2 and 13 consistent with the amendments discussed at the interview, and this amendment is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination to have the same considered.

As noted above, Claim 2 is amended to recite generating an extension of an axis of an input pen in a real three-dimensional space (in which the input pen exists) in the virtual three-dimensional space by extending the axis of the input pen from the real three-dimensional into

the virtual three-dimensional space. In other words, the extension of the axis of the input pen in the virtual three-dimensional space extends the axis of the input pen in the real three-dimensional space into the virtual three-dimensional space. It is respectfully submitted the art of record, as discussed at the interview, is deficient in describing these features.

In particular, Geshwind and Carl are both silent regarding the claimed extension from a real three-dimensional space into a virtual three-dimensional space. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted Claim 2 (and any claim depending therefrom) is allowable over the cited references.

Claim 13, although varying in scope and directed to a different statutory class, recites features which are also not described by the cited references for substantially the same reasons as noted above regarding Claim 2. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted Claim 13 (and any depending claim) is also allowable over the cited references.

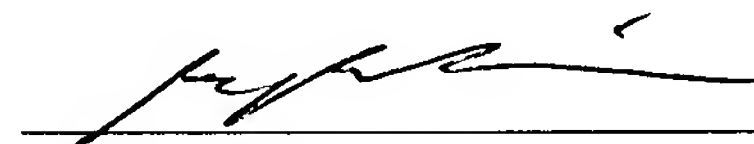
Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above comments, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner disagree, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve any remaining issues. Otherwise, an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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